
SENATE BILL 6878

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By Senator Stevens

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1 AN ACT Relating to prioritizing existing funding for special safety
2 corridor projects; amending RCW 46.16.270; adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.68 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.270 and 2005 c 314 s 302 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 ~~((The total replacement plate fee shall be deposited in the motor
8 vehicle fund.))~~

9 (1) Upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of one or both of the
10 vehicle license number plates issued for any vehicle where more than
11 one plate was originally issued or where one or both have become so
12 illegible or in such a condition as to be difficult to distinguish, or
13 upon the owner's option, the owner of the vehicle shall make
14 application for new vehicle license number plates upon a form furnished
15 by the director. The application shall be filed with the director or
16 the director's authorized agent, accompanied by the certificate of
17 license registration of the vehicle and a fee in the amount of ten
18 dollars per plate, whereupon the director, or the director's authorized
19 agent, shall issue new vehicle license number plates to the applicant.

1 It shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for a new motorcycle
2 license number plate. In the event the director has issued license
3 period tabs or a windshield emblem instead of vehicle license number
4 plates, and upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of the tabs or
5 windshield emblem, application shall be made on a form provided by the
6 director and in the same manner as above described, and shall be
7 accompanied by a fee of one dollar for each pair of tabs or for each
8 windshield emblem, whereupon the director shall issue to the applicant
9 a duplicate pair of tabs, year tabs, and when necessary month tabs or
10 a windshield emblem to replace those lost, defaced, or destroyed. For
11 vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington or by any
12 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of
13 the state of Washington or United States government, or owned or leased
14 by the governing body of an Indian tribe as defined in RCW 46.16.020,
15 a fee shall be charged for replacement of a vehicle license number
16 plate only to the extent required by the provisions of RCW 46.16.020,
17 46.16.237, and 46.01.140. For vehicles owned, rented, or leased by
18 foreign countries or international bodies to which the United States
19 government is a signatory by treaty, the payment of any fee for the
20 replacement of a vehicle license number plate shall not be required.

21 (2) The replacement fee shall be deposited as follows:

22 (a) Seven dollars per vehicle license number plate in the motor
23 vehicle fund; and

24 (b) Three dollars per vehicle license number plate in the special
25 safety corridor account created in section 2 of this act.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 46.68 RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 (1) The special safety corridor account is created in the motor
29 vehicle fund. All receipts from the fee imposed under RCW 46.16.270(1)
30 for replacement vehicle license number plates, as distributed under RCW
31 46.16.270(2)(b), must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the
32 account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the
33 account may be used for special safety corridor projects. Special
34 safety corridor projects are projects that may require bond financing
35 to complete construction and safety improvements. The following
36 criteria shall be used in determining which special safety corridor
37 projects have the highest priority:

- 1 (a) Fatal accident experience;
- 2 (b) Historic underfunding of safety improvements;
- 3 (c) Ability to leverage additional nonstate revenue sources;
- 4 (d) Contribute to the economic development of the corridor; and
- 5 (e) Provide additional capacity to move people and goods safely.
- 6 (2) The following projects, listed in order of priority, are
- 7 eligible for special safety corridor account funding:
- 8 (a) State route number 2 beginning near the junction with state
- 9 route number 9 at milepost 5 to the King county line at Stevens Pass
- 10 near milepost 64;
- 11 (b) State route number 97 beginning at milepost 0 to milepost 63;
- 12 and
- 13 (c) State route number 20 beginning near Sedro Woolley at milepost
- 14 64 to near Newport at milepost 436.
- 15 Moneys deposited in the special safety corridor account may be used
- 16 for payment of debt service on bonds the proceeds of which are used to
- 17 finance special safety corridor projects under this section.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
20 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
21 immediately.

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